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NOTE FOR: Acting Director/OSR

FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

Noel --

Attached is a memo to me from Maurice concerning publication of an OER paper on Soviet GNP. In my view, it would be wrong to publish the paper using the so-called unclassified military series. Whatever argument you may have for not using the OSR figures would also apply to those based on "unclassified" information.

I firmly believe that the OER paper should include the best numbers we have, even if the OER paper is published unclassified. To do otherwise, I would have to be convinced that your military series clearly needs to be classified because their release would really jeopardize intelligence sources and methods to an irreparable extent. I don't think that is the case.

The real question is whether your current series are so bad that they cannot be used. (To some extent this would depend on the detail to be presented in the OER study).

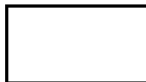
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It seems to me that this is just one more reason for getting your revised figures out as soon as possible. Is there anything--help from other offices--that can be done to speed up the process?

Please look into this matter and advise me by 30 December.



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